

# **EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER**

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### **Announcements**

**“Transportation of Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits”** On September 8, 2003, Secretary of Public Safety, Edward A. Flynn, notified all local police departments of the standard protocol for transporting to the crime laboratories sexual assault evidence collected by a medical provider. The evidence is collected in Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits provided by Secretary Flynn. The Secretary emphasized that it is vital for departments (including the State Police) to efficiently transport **ALL** kits regardless of whether the victim has reported the crime to law enforcement. A copy of the letter and standard protocol may be found at <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/saec.htm>

**The Seventh Annual International Crime Mapping Research Conference** The National Institute of Justice’s **Mapping & Analysis for Public Safety (MAPS)** program is pleased to announce its annual *call for presentations and workshops* for the Crime Mapping Research Conference to be held March 31 – April 3, 2004, in **Boston, Massachusetts**. As part of the continuing effort to stay abreast of recent innovations in the field, the MAPS program solicits presentations, professional development workshops, student papers, and showcase sessions to be delivered at its annual conference. The National Institute of Justice will reimburse travel, lodging and conference registration fees for one speaker per presentation and up to two speakers for three hour workshops. Showcase sessions are not eligible for reimbursement. All presenters are required to submit a written document describing their presentation or workshop. Workshop presenters may submit a paper and/or their respective PowerPoint slides. In addition to session panels and workshops, the MAPS conference will be hosting its 5th Annual Map Competition, where participants will have the opportunity to display the best cartographic techniques and design in crime mapping. Submissions for presentations and workshops are due **September 30, 2003, before 4:30 p.m.** <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps/Conferences/04conf/CallforPapers.html>

**“Massachusetts Service Alliance”** The Massachusetts Service Alliance announces the availability of funding for the 2004-2005 program year for agencies to sponsor AmeriCorps members who serve to implement community and service initiatives. The Request for Proposals (RFP) can be downloaded from the funding opportunities section of [www.mass-service.org](http://www.mass-service.org). A Technical Assistance session will be offered on **October 17, 2003**, in Boston. Complete information is available in the RFP.

**“Healthy Mind, Healthy Body II, A Journey into Wellness: A Conference on the Health of Portuguese-speaking Immigrants”** The conference, sponsored by the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers, will be held on **October 30, 2003 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM** at the Cambridge Marriott Hotel. Immigration and Portuguese-speaking community health issues will be the key focuses of the event. This year the conference is for professionals and the community at large. Speakers, panelists and presenters will share their visions on immigrant related issues and their impact on the community. For registration and more details about the conference please go to <http://www.maps-inc.org/eng/conference/conf2003home.htm>

**“2004 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Awards Nomination”** The Office for Victims of Crime annually recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding service in supporting victims and victim services. The web site below provides information on the nomination process for the National Crime Victim Service Award, Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services, Special Courage Award, Volunteer for Victims Award, Crime Victims Fund Award, and Federal Service Award. The deadline for nominations is **October 31, 2003**. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/2004/nominationform/welcome.html>

**“radKIDS Personal Empowerment Safety Education Instructors Training Program”** A radKIDS Personal Empowerment Safety Education Instructors Training Program will be held on **December 3 – 5, 2003** hosted by the Leicester Police Department. radKIDS is the leading educator in realistic and empowering personal safety education for both children and parents. For further information please visit the web site at: <http://www.radkids.org/>

**SAVE THE DATE!!** On Wednesday **January 28, 2004**, the **National Stalking Resource Center** in conjunction with **Secretary of Public Safety, Edward A. Flynn**, will present a Regional Stalking Conference for law enforcement personnel in Massachusetts. The low cost, full day conference will take place at the Massachusetts Medical Society in Waltham, Massachusetts. Further information will be forthcoming soon.

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **From the Federal Government**

#### **“Project Helping Outreach Programs to Expand”**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/hopeappkit/sl000572.pdf>

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is soliciting for applications for funding to provide resources to grassroots community-based organizations to improve outreach and services to crime victims. Funds may be used to support the following activities:

1) develop, print, and publish a newsletter and/or program materials, 2) train advocates and volunteers, 3) purchase training materials, 4) support victim outreach efforts, and 5) recruit volunteers. Additional costs may include computer equipment, office supplies, local travel expenses for advocates and volunteers, telephone service, and membership to crime victim organizations.

**Application Deadline:** open solicitation contingent upon funding availability

**Eligibility Requirements:** Nonprofit grassroots community-based victim service programs that do not receive federal victim assistance grant funding.

**Maximum Award Amount:** \$5,000

**Grant Period:** 12 months

#### **“Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program for Terrorism and Mass Violence Crimes”**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdfxt/antiterrorapplication.pdf>

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) developed this Application to assist applicants seeking financial assistance, training, and technical assistance. This program has been designed to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence.

**Application Deadline:** open

**Eligibility Requirements:** Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and nongovernmental organizations.

**Maximum Award Amount:** cases by case basis

**Grant Period:** negotiable

#### **“The 2004 National Prisoner Survey of Sexual Assault (NPS-SA) Solicitation”**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/npssasol.htm>

The solicitation seeks to obtain a data collection agent through a Cooperative Agreement to develop, design, and field test an instrument for the survey and to prepare an implementation plan for fielding the survey in 2005. The NPS-SA will consist of an Audio Computer-Assisted Self-Interview (ACASI) instrument administered to inmates in correctional facilities.

**Application Deadline:** October 22, 2003

**Eligibility Requirements:** Both profit making and nonprofit organizations may apply for funds. Consistent with Office of Justice Programs (OJP) fiscal requirements, however, no fees may be charged against the project by profit-making organizations.

**Number of Awards Made:** 1

**Maximum Award Amount:** \$3,000,000

**Grant Period:** 24 months

## **Research and Statistics**

**“Intervening with Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence: A Global Perspective (2003)”** According to the **Massachusetts Department of Public Health** (2001) more than 3,000 men participate in batterer intervention groups in the state of Massachusetts each year. Emerge, widely credited as the first batterer intervention program in the world, is a non-governmental organization that has served people who batter in Massachusetts since 1977.

<http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2003/9241590491.pdf>

**“Do Batterer Intervention Programs Work? Two Studies”** According to these studies, batterer intervention programs do not change batterers’ attitudes and may have only minor effects on behavior. The Florida study found no significant differences between those who had treatment and those who did not as to whether they battered again or their attitudes toward domestic violence. In New York, batterers in a 26-week program were less likely to reoffend than those in an 8-week program, but neither group showed any change in attitudes toward women or domestic violence. The study did find an apparent relationship between whether an offender was employed or owned a house and whether he reoffended, those with the most to lose were the least likely to reoffend. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/200331.pdf>

**“Delinquency Cases in Juvenile Courts, 1999”** The number of delinquency cases handled by juvenile courts increased 27% between 1990 and 1999. During this time, the number of drug law violation cases increased 169%, public order offense cases increased 74%, person offense cases increased 55%, and property offense cases decreased 9%. In 1999, approximately 79% of the juvenile population in the United States was white, and 15% was black. Black juveniles were involved in 28% of the delinquency cases handled by juvenile courts, and white juveniles were involved in 68%. For both females and males, simple assault cases increased more than any other person offense (136% for females and 80% for males).

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200302.pdf>

**“Person Offenses in Juvenile Court, 1990-1999”** In 1999, person offense cases accounted for 23% of all delinquency cases, compared with 19% in 1990. Person offenses include assault, robbery, rape, and homicide. In 1999, females were involved in 27% of person offense cases in 1999, compared with 20% in 1990. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200303.pdf>

**“Delinquency Cases Waived to Criminal Court, 1990-1999”** All states have set an upper age of original jurisdiction for juvenile courts (age 15, 16, or 17). However, all states have legal mechanisms that enable them, under certain circumstances, to try youth in criminal court as adults. Between 1990 and 1994, the number of delinquency cases judicially waived to criminal court increased 45%; however, declined 38% since 1994. From 1990 through 1999, the number of judicially waived cases involving black youth decreased 24% compared with a 9% increase for white youth.

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200304.pdf>

**“Juvenile Court Placement of Adjudicated Youth, 1990-1999”** Between 1990 and 1999, adjudicated delinquency cases resulting in out-of-home placement increased 24%. During this period, the largest percentage increase was in the number of drug offense cases resulting in placement, which increased 73%. In 1999, placement was ordered in 22% of drug offense cases, 23% of property offense cases, 26% of person offense cases, and 27% of cases involving public order offenses.

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200305.pdf>

**“Juvenile Delinquency Probation Caseload, 1990-1999”** Four of every ten delinquency cases resulted in probation in 1999. While the number of cases placed on probation increased 44% between 1990 and 1999, the overall delinquency caseload increased 27%. In 1999, 69% of cases placed on probation involved white juveniles, 28% involved black juveniles, and 3% involved juveniles of other races.

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200306.pdf>

**“Detention in Delinquency Cases, 1990-1999”** Detention caseloads increased 11% between 1990 and 1999. During that time period there was a surge in the number of female delinquency cases entering detention (a 50% increase, compared with 4% for males). The large increase is attributed to the growth in the number of delinquency cases involving females charged with person offenses (102%). <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200307.pdf>

**“Drug Offense Cases in Juvenile Courts, 1990-1999”** The number of juvenile court cases involving drug offenses more than doubled between 1990 and 1999. Drug offense cases accounted for 11% of all delinquency cases in 1999, compared with 5% in 1990. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/fs200308.pdf>

**“Weapon Use and Violent Crime, 1993-2001”** From 1993 through 2001, there was a decline of 54% in violent crime, 59% in weapon violence and 63% in firearm violence. Approximately half of all robberies, about a quarter of all assaults, and roughly a twelfth of all rapes/sexual assaults involved an armed assailant. About 90% of homicide victims were killed with a weapon. From 1993 through 2001 blacks accounted for 49% of homicide victims and 54% of victims of firearm homicide, but 12% of the U.S. population. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/wuvc01.pdf>

**“Survey of State Criminal History Information Systems, 2001”** This report describes the status of State criminal history records systems at yearend 2001. In 2001, 72% of **Massachusetts** state criminal history files are automated. In 2001, 100% of all arrests within the last 5 years in the **Massachusetts** criminal history database have final dispositions recorded. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/sschis01.pdf>

## **Resources**

**“Recruitment and Retention in Intimate Partner Violence Research, Final Report”** There has been little research examining recruitment and retention issues in intimate partner violence research. This report is organized into four major sections: 1) the literature pertaining to recruitment and retention in research studies is reviewed; 2) recruitment and retention in intimate partner violence research is addressed with particular attention to attrition in batterer treatment programs and retention in longitudinal studies; 3) case studies highlighting recruitment and retention methods in five different intimate partner violence research programs are described by their respective investigators; and 4) a set of guidelines is offered for recruitment and retention in intimate partner violence research. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/201943.pdf>

**“Eyewitness Evidence: A Trainer's Manual for Law Enforcement”** The Technical Working Group for Eyewitness Evidence developed recommended procedures for law enforcement use in investigations involving eyewitness evidence. The *Guide's* recommendations are not legal mandates or policy directives, nor do they represent the *only* correct courses of action. Rather, the recommendations represent a consensus of the diverse views and experiences of the technical working group members. <http://www.ncjrs.org/nij/eyewitness/188678.pdf>

**“Aftercare Services”** This report describes aftercare services that provide youth with comprehensive health, mental health, education, family, and vocational services on release from detention. Aftercare prepares out-of-home placed juveniles for reentry into the community by ensuring the delivery of prescribed services and supervision. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/201800.pdf>

**“Grants.gov”** Information regarding available federal grants may be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

## **Contact Information**

**Suggestions?** We welcome and encourage your comments regarding this electronic newsletter. Please email Patricia Bergin, Research Analyst, Massachusetts Statistical Analysis Center, at: [patricia.bergin@state.ma.us](mailto:patricia.bergin@state.ma.us).

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